

SENATE BILL 2620

By Tracy

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 3-6-303, relative to lobbying compensation and expenditures by employers that are public entities.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 3-6-303, is amended by deleting subdivision (a)(1) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(1) The aggregate total amount of lobbyist compensation paid by the employer.

For purposes of the disclosure, compensation paid to any lobbyist who performs duties for the employer in addition to lobbying and related activities shall be apportioned to reflect the lobbyist's time allocated for lobbying and related activities in this state. If the employer is a public entity as defined in § 9-21-151, the exact amount of such lobbyist compensation shall be reported. For all other employers, the aggregate total amount of such lobbyist compensation shall be reported within one (1) of the following ranges:

- (A) Less than \$10,000;
- (B) At least \$10,000 but less than \$25,000;
- (C) At least \$25,000 but less than \$50,000;
- (D) At least \$50,000 but less than \$100,000;
- (E) At least \$100,000 but less than \$150,000;
- (F) At least \$150,000 but less than \$200,000;
- (G) At least \$200,000 but less than \$250,000;
- (H) At least \$250,000 but less than \$300,000;
- (I) At least \$300,000 but less than \$350,000;
- (J) At least \$350,000 but less than \$400,000; or

(K) \$400,000 or more; provided, however, that, if the aggregate total amount is reported within this range, then the employer shall round the aggregate total amount to the nearest \$50,000 and also report the rounded amount within the disclosure report.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 3-6-303, is amended by deleting subdivision (a)(2) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(2) Excluding lobbyist compensation, the aggregate total amount of employer expenditures incurred for the purpose of influencing legislative or administrative action through public opinion or grassroots action, including, but not necessarily limited to, any such expenditures for printing, publishing, advertising, broadcasting, paid announcements, audiotapes, videotapes, compact discs, digital video discs, infomercials, rallies, demonstrations, seminars, lectures, conferences, postage, telephone-related costs, Internet-related services, public relations services, governmental relations services, polling services, travel expenses, grants to issue groups or grassroots organizations, or any similar expense. For purposes of this disclosure, any such expenditure that is made for the purpose of achieving a multistate effect shall be apportioned equally among such states. If the employer is a public entity as defined in § 9-21-151, the exact amount of these employer expenditures shall be reported. For all other employers, the aggregate total amount of these employer expenditures shall be reported within one (1) of the following ranges:

- (A) Less than \$10,000;
- (B) At least \$10,000 but less than \$25,000;
- (C) At least \$25,000 but less than \$50,000;
- (D) At least \$50,000 but less than \$100,000;
- (E) At least \$100,000 but less than \$150,000;

(F) At least \$150,000 but less than \$200,000;

(G) At least \$200,000 but less than \$250,000;

(H) At least \$250,000 but less than \$300,000;

(I) At least \$300,000 but less than \$350,000;

(J) At least \$350,000 but less than \$400,000; or

(K) \$400,000 or more; provided, however, if the aggregate total amount is reported within this range, then the employer shall round the aggregate total amount to the nearest \$50,000 and also report the rounded amount within the disclosure report.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2010, the public welfare requiring it.